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1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE POLITICAL COMMITTEE RAPPORTEUR FRANZ KARASEK VISITED CYPRUS FEB 16-19. HE ALSO WENT TO GREECE AND TURKEY. KARASEK ANNOUNCED ON ARRIVAL THAT HIS MISSION WAS TO ASCERTAIN THE CURRENT STATE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND THE PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE, KARASEK HAD MEETINGS WITH PRES. KYPRIANOU, HOUSE PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES, FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES AND NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS. IN THE NORTH, HE MET WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH

AND NEGOTIATOR ONAN.

3. COMMENT. KARASEK VISIT ATTRACTED LOW-KEY PRESS ATTENTION. KARASEK MADE NONOTABLE STATEMENTS WHILE HERE BUT HIS VISIT SERVED AS A REMINDER OF THE COE'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. TURKISH CYPRIOT PAPERS REPORTED THAT N ARRIVAL ISTANBUL, KARASEK SAID THAT HIS CYPRUS VISIT HAD INCREASED HIS BELIEF THAT A SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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